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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
25X1ASUBJECT : [REDACTED] Paragraph
9.a. "Special Authorizations - General Expenditure"

1. An employee of this Agency has requested reimbursement in the amount of \$1,432.20 incurred in the travel of his dependents between [REDACTED] and the U.S. in June-July 1953. The employee, [REDACTED] has been on duty in [REDACTED] continuously since April 1952 as the principal case officer for Project [REDACTED] (operation), and is a well motivated and competent individual.

2. The dependent travel involved resulted from a legitimate emergency in his wife's family which required her return with the children to the U.S. Before [REDACTED] became eligible for home leave, his dependents returned to [REDACTED]. This case has been reviewed thoroughly by various administrative components of the Agency, including the DD/8 and the General Counsel. Everyone, including this Staff, is unanimous in the opinion that the round-trip travel completed by [REDACTED] dependents prior to his taking home leave does not constitute officially approved travel at Government expense. [REDACTED] has declined to exercise his option to take home leave now which would enable the Agency to reimburse him retroactively for half of this expense. The only remaining alternative lies in reimbursement on a compassionate basis under your discretionary powers authorized by [REDACTED].

3. The opinion of the Deputy Director (Support), as expressed in a memorandum to this Staff dated 10 August 1955 (Tab A), recommends against reimbursement under the provisions of [REDACTED] on the grounds that no "unusual functions" of the Agency are involved. Although I do not question the legal and administrative logic applied in this case, it is my sincere conviction that the problems inherent in Agency covert operations in [REDACTED] are not the "normal administrative or operating problems" confronting the ordinary government agency as defined in paragraph 9.a. of AR 30-110. Admittedly, in this case, the employee declined the right to take his home leave and thus removed any legal basis for reimbursement. However, his declination of this right was not capricious or selfish, but appears to have been based on a high degree of motivation and a reluctance to leave his operational responsibilities.

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25X1A6a 4. In view of the unusual factors inherent in Agency operations in [REDACTED] and this career employee's excellent record, it is recommended that you approve reimbursement of \$1,432.20 in this case under the discretionary powers authorized you in paragraph 9.a. of [REDACTED] 25X1A

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Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

The recommendation in paragraph 4. is (approved) ~~(disapproved)~~.

MAR 27 1956

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~~Allen W. Dulles~~
Acting Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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CONCUR:

H. GATES LLOYD
Assistant Deputy Director
(Support)

Date: 15 March 1956

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